

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to receive God's love and to share it with others through our Welcome, our Worship, our Community and our Service.

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am

Service of worship led by Jean Kingston

### Thought for the Week – Maureen Rowan Harvey

### Methodist Conference Representative Session – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Living**  
WRITTEN BY THE SPIRIT,  
SENT INTO THE WORLD.  
*Letters*

CONFERENCE 2026  
3RD - 6TH JUNE

ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS  
BELFAST

I attended Conference on Friday and Saturday last as a member of the Council on Social Responsibility (Environmental Action Group) and as a last minute stand-in for Circuit Executive members who were unable to go. This will not be a formal report. (There will be a video of highlights at Service on 14<sup>th</sup> June and the Minutes of Conference will be available for deeper study.) Instead, I will try to share some of my  
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'stand out' points as someone who is new to attending Conference and relatively new to Methodism. The election of Rev Andrew Kingston as President Designate was, of course, the big news, but Rachel has covered that very well elsewhere.

Conference works steadily through an extensive range of business but pauses for song, worship and reflection allow for a re-set. The theme for this year was 'Living Letters', based on 2 Corinthians 3:3: "You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

The business element was fascinating, highly informative and managed with precision. The 'Blue Book' of reports and matters for approval provides a comprehensive overview of current issues for MCI. These include for example: declining membership (*a total community of 28,822 – down from 39,722 in 2019; only 4,184 in the Southern Region*); efforts to address the deficit in central finances through changes to Comprehensive Assessment (*this had significant implications for Centenary and Rev Kingston spoke strongly about the risk of destroying motivation in societies working hard to generate income for sustainability; a compromise was secured*), the extensive work needed to transfer all properties to Connexional Trustees and much needed improvements to pensions for Ministers.

The Council on Social Responsibility (CSR) Chairs from North and South provided overviews of how they have been speaking out on issues such as poverty, homelessness, racism, and the Legacy of the Troubles. In addition, rather than wring their hands in the face of the current global challenges, the joint Executives produced a document of 'Global Narratives – a look at some of the big issues of our time'. Each area has been laid out with thoughts, a bible reading, a prayer and action points and will be available more widely later.

The report of the Governance Board includes a reference to the ongoing challenge of how MCI deals with difference on human sexuality as reflected in the decisions of Conference 2024. The Chair of the Southern Executive of CSR commended the focus on unity within the church, but reminded us that this issue continues to bring pain for many.

My own 'piece of work' was mainly providing information on possibilities for environmental action through the CSR stand. There were useful insights from chatting to callers, none of what I wanted to hear though. Two years after we launched the Environmental Policy, societies were still identifying the same obstacles to action: cost, age of buildings, lack of volunteers and the absence of a central 'drive' by Estates Management.

As a woman, it felt like a very special time to be there. All four ordinands were women and the presiding platform consisted of four women and two men. MCI discerned 50 years ago that there was strong theological grounding for ministry and leadership by women, but this is only the second time there has been a female president. While women leaders were to the fore this time at Conference, there was also discussion of broader issues around gender balance. A working group report found that 10% of male respondents had experienced discrimination and felt there were barriers to participation in areas like children's ministry, an important issue in the context of role modelling for young men.

It was a stimulating and enriching experience to be at Conference. The challenge in the aftermath is to bring forward the Living Letters Prayer to everyday life.

### **Prayer**

**"Make us living letters in our homes, workplaces, schools and neighbourhoods, 'read' by all as a testimony to your good news.**

**Make us gentle in our work, faithful in our action and brave in our witness."**

### **MCI Conference News**

We at Centenary Methodist are delighted that our own Rev Andrew Kingston was elected President of the Methodist Church in Ireland for the Connexional year 2027-2028! He will take office in June 2027 at the Conference to be held in Portadown. This role is a great honour and comes with a lot of responsibility and work for Andrew. While Andrew might not have chosen the role, we are sure he will do a wonderful job. Please keep him and Jean in your prayers over the coming weeks and months, as he prepares for the role. Andrew has asked for prayer that Christ will be uplifted in all that is said and done. We also congratulate Pat Jamison who will work alongside Andrew as the Lay Leader. May the glory all go to God.



### **Work on the Litton Hall roof**

It is expected that work on the Litton Hall roof will commence this week. Of course builders don't always arrive exactly on time, but this is what we are hoping for. The work will commence with the erection of scaffolding. This will curtail our parking until the work is completed in early September. The area to the right as we enter through the barrier will be completely closed off and parking on the grass will be available for the licensees who have paid to park during the working week.

### **Parking during week days**

We are blessed to have free parking on Leeson Park from 6.30pm until 8am from Monday to Friday and free parking all day on Saturday and Sunday. It is a yellow zone (€4 per hour) in front of the Molyneux Building and a red zone (€3.50 per hour) in front of the Litton Hall. For those who are in church groups and ministries, keep receipts and our Facilities Administrator, Don Black, will reimburse claimants.

### **Walk to Ballymore Eustace 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Reminder: Walk to Ballymore Eustace on Saturday 13th June. Meeting at 10.30am at Wesley House (or 11am in Tallaght). Please contact Eric Rankin at 012694923 if you can offer a lift or would like to go! Extra drivers would be appreciated. See Eric.

### **Rejoice Gospel Choir Concert, **Saturday 13th June, 5pm, Litton Hall****

Rejoice Gospel Choir (who add so much to our Easter service each year) have their summer concert alongside the High Hopes Choir (all members have been affected by homelessness in some way) on Saturday 13th June at 5pm in the Litton Hall in Wesley House. It promises to be full of joy! Featuring

music by Raye, Hozier, Vulpeck and more, alongside some favourite gospel classics, this evening of uplifting music is guaranteed to bring joy to your heart. □

Please get your tickets here before it sells out!

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/to-noise-making-tickets-1984834687982?>



## Friendly Room

The Friendly Room meets on Wednesdays in Room 1, Wesley House. If you are free, do drop in for a cuppa and a chat between 10.30 and 12 noon. All are welcome—it's a great spot to catch up, enjoy good company, and share a bit of banter.

## Book Club

Our choice for June is *Murder Before Evensong* by Rev Richard Coles.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 12.30-2.00pm in Room 1, Wesley House. Each month we choose a book from a wide range of genres including biography, crime fiction, historical novels, humour and children's novels. We always have a lively discussion, with very varied opinions. We currently have 14 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on [sylviahroddie@gmail.com](mailto:sylviahroddie@gmail.com)

## God's Storehouse in Tallagt

Please put donations of non-perishable food in the basket in the Coffee Bar at Wesley House

## Connect ... through English

📅 Every Thursday, 10:30am - 12:00pm, Room 1, Wesley House



Connect? Yes – the purpose of the Thursday morning gathering is to meet and connect with others who come to Ireland from all sorts of places, for all sorts of reasons. We chat, in English, over a cup of tea or coffee, with the facilitators taking it in turn to lead the conversation.

We never know who might come and, over the last ten years, people have come from countries on all the continents, except maybe Australia. It has been a privilege to meet everyone.

We gather on Thursday mornings in Room 1 between 10.30 and 12noon. If you might be interested in joining the facilitation team, please speak to one of us – Charles, Lesley, Liz, Lynne, Maureen, Roy and Sayjin.

If you are a relative newcomer to Ireland please come along – you will be most welcome. We can be contacted at: [english@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:english@methodistcentenary.ie)

### **Forthcoming Services at 10.30am**

June 21	Service of Baptism for twins Zarian & Zayden with Rev Andrew Kingston
June 28	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
July 5	Service of Holy Communion with Rev Dr John Parkin
July 12	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

### **Local preachers**

Our local preachers and helpers take services regularly on the circuit and sometimes outside it. The current preaching plan includes:

June 7	10.00 Tallaght Moba Mwanzele
June 21	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Jean Kingston
June 28	11.30 Rathgar Erick Mwazonga
July 5	10am Tallaght Moba Mwanzele
July 5	11.30am Rathgar Jean Kingston
July 5	2pm DKC Jongbok Lim

### **Vocations Day**

Lydia Monds, Ministry Leader with the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland, will facilitate, for the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough, a session of listening and responding to the call of God in our lives. This day is for everyone who wants to explore what it means to serve God more fully - whether the call is to helping in your parish at any level, studying to become a diocesan reader, working in children's or youth ministry, finding out about a role as a chaplain in schools, colleges or hospitals, OLM, Pioneer Ministry, or stipendiary ministry.

Dublin and Glendalough's Vocation Day will take place on Saturday June 27 2026 in Crinken Church in Bray from 10am to 1pm. Lunch will be provided. Organised by Dublin and Glendalough's Directors of Ordinands, Canon Suzanne Harris and Canon Tom O'Brien, the day is designed to support those who feel a wish to serve God but are not sure where to start. For more information and to book a place please email Tom at [rector@crinken.ie](mailto:rector@crinken.ie) or Suzanne at [Suziesharris@gmail.com](mailto:Suziesharris@gmail.com). All are welcome. Come as you are, with your doubts and your questions, set aside time to listen to God's voice, turn towards His face and rest in His promises. We're looking forward to welcoming you there.

### **Giving to the church**

#### **Standing Order or Bank Transfer:**

**Bank:** AIB Bank plc, 7/12 Dame Street, Dublin 2

**Account Name:** Methodist Centenary Church Council No. 3 Account

**BIC:** AIBKIE2D

**IBAN:** IE89AIBK93122526909346

Questions? Please contact Alan Perry.

### **Tax Back Tax Relief Scheme**

A taxpayer who contributes €250 to the church in a year enables the church to recover €112.82 from the Revenue Commissioners thereby increasing the donation to €362.82, and pro rata for donations of over €250. This scheme brought in almost €20,000 last year. To register, you need a CHY3 form from Lynne Pasley. This latter is valid for 5 years and doesn't commit you to make any future donations.

### **Debit or credit card**

A card reader is placed in the Coffee Bar each Sunday through which donations can be made using a debit or credit card.

### **Cheque**

If you can not come to church and you contribute by cheque we ask you to post your cheque to Billy Given. You can contact him at [billygiven115@gmail.com](mailto:billygiven115@gmail.com)

### **Text for Announcements**

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to [news@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie). The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

### **Stay Connected**

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